



# Defensive Travel Briefing

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# Purpose

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Acknowledge commerce employee's  
have access to critical government  
information

Ensure you understand your  
responsibilities to protect that  
information

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Defensive travel briefing is required by  
DAO 207-1

Make you aware of the vulnerabilities of  
foreign travel

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- Pres. Dir. & NSC-12 "Security Awareness and Reporting Foreign Contacts"
- Establish and maintain security awareness programs
- Focus on intelligence gathering threats



# Areas Of Interest

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- Export administration act
- Trade issues
- Economic indicators
- Industrial resources

# Areas Of Interest

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- Production capabilities
- Manufacturing
- Critical technologies

# Areas Of Interest

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- Satellite data
- Telecommunications and computer sciences information
- Access to facilities
- Access to information

# Areas Of Interest

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# You



# National Security Threat List

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- A threat to our national security is foreign intelligence activity regardless of the country which is:
- Targeting US intelligence & foreign affairs information & US government officials

# Threat List

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- Directed at critical technologies
- Collection of US industrial proprietary economic information
- Collection of information relating to defense establishments & national preparedness
- Proliferation of special weapons of mass destruction

# Prior To Departure

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- Contact your security office for travel advisories or the department of state for recorded messages at 202-647-5225
- Carefully complete your visa application
- Do not carry any item which may be viewed a controversial or is prohibited
- Political material
- Pornographic material

# Prior To Departure

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- Prescription drugs should be clearly marked.
- Avoid carrying letters or packages with you. You may be viewed as a courier.
- Do not take classified material with you, send through proper channels.



# Prior To Departure

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- Limit the amount of ID you take with you. Keep records of what you do take and record serial numbers.
- You are discouraged from taking a laptop computer with you.

# Upon Arrival

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- Declare all money and valuables.
- Retain declaration slips.
- Keep receipts of all money exchanges.
- Undeclared items are subject to confiscation upon departure.
- Declare cameras, radios, etc.

# Upon Arrival

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- Contact local embassy and provide your local address and anticipated length of stay.
- Use of public transportation is recommended. Taxis' are the preferred method.

# Your Activities And Behavior

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- Maintain low profile:

- Never engage in illegal activities.
- Avoid excessive drinking.
- Use caution if gambling.



# Activities And Behaviors

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- Never discuss classified or sensitive information in:
  - Hotel rooms or lobbies
  - Vehicles
  - Restaurants or other public places

# Activities And Behavior

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- If you locate possible surveillance equipment:
  - Do not try to neutralize or dismantle it.
  - Contact the local embassy or consulate.
  - Contact the security office upon your return and report the incident.

# Activities And Behavior

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- Never leave your briefcase unattended in rooms or hotel safes.
- Physical surveillance is better ignored than evaded.
- Never photograph military personnel or facilities.
- Beware of overly friendly individuals.

# Activities And Behavior

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- Do not transport packages back to the US.
- Avoid areas of unrest, demonstrations or protests.
- If arrested or detained:
  - Contact embassy or consulate
  - Make no statements, sign nothing.



# Upon Your Return

- Notify security of any unusual incident.
- Receive debriefing if assigned 90 days or more.
- You must report all contact with a person of any nationality when unauthorized access to material is sought.

or

- If you are concerned that you are the target of an actual or attempted exploitation by a foreign entity

# Emergency Notification

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- Provide family members or close friends of your anticipated address and phone number and return date.
- 24 HR state department operations center 202-647-1512. They may be able to assist others in reaching you in case of an emergency

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